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Applicant: Chris M. Katsetos et al. : Paper No.:  
Serial No.: 09/586,145 : Group Art Unit: 2187  
Filing Date: June 02, 2000 : Examiner: Gossage, Glenn A.

For: **Methods For Interfacing Components and For Writing and Reading a Serial Data Stream to and From a Component Associated With a Parallel Data Stream (as presently amended)**

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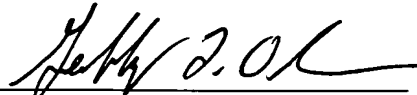
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